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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, OPERATIONS COORDINATION BRANCH  
SUBJECT : Strategic Plans Branch Monthly Report for May 1952

A. CIA/opc Participation in PSB Activities during May 1952:

Accomplishments:

a. Southeast Asia Panel - Initiated and completed a working draft of a psychological strategy plan for Southeast Asia. The recommendations of State, Defense, MSA, and CIA, incorporated therein, are under consideration by the panel members.  
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b. Middle East Panel - The background factors affecting the development of the psychological plan for the Middle East have been completed.

c. MIDRIB Panel - The psychological plan prepared by this panel is still under consideration for informal approval by Defense, State, and CIA.

d. Soviet Orbit Escapees - No definitive action since last month.  
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e. Coordination Panel - Preliminary outlines of the CIA/opc operational support plans for the [redacted] Plans have been approved by the interdepartmental committee. CIA/opc is now preparing detailed operational support plans.

f. East-West Trade Panel - Terms of Reference have been drafted for further consideration and approval by State, Defense, CIA, and the Economic Defense Advisory Committee (EDAC).

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B. Strategic Planning Activities:

25X1A Prepared a provisional draft of CIA/opc courses of action 25X1A  
[redacted] Paper) recommended for the development of a national psychological strategy, which was transmitted to DD/P and to Admiral [redacted]  
[redacted] PSB.

2. Prepared and transmitted to the CIA Training Division an outline incorporating some definitions, concepts, and doctrine related to the psychological warfare operations of this Division.

3. Reviewed and recommended additional provisions to the compilation of proposed functions of the Psychological Staff Division and its Branches.

4. Reviewed and suggested new recommendations for the Psychological Strategy Board's German Plan, which incorporated a large number of various strategic courses of action that should be undertaken to contribute to the achievement of U. S. objectives and aims.

5. Reviewed and approved the Bureau of the Budget's recommendations to PSB for coordinating psychological operations during general hostilities.

6. Participated in formal briefings of all CIA/opc Area Divisions outlining the major functions of the Psychological Staff Division and each of its branches.

7. Developed a framework for CIA/opc cold war planning in collaboration with SPC, WP, and AL, which provides for greater utilization of plans for the following purposes:

- a. Long-range guidance.
- b. Estimating and justifying the budget.
- c. Supporting logistics requirements.
- d. Formulating of programs.
- e. Serving as the principal instruments of management control.
- f. Phased in accordance with fiscal year budget cycles.

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